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INFORM CONSULS

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCES IN AFRICA

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HOLD TWO CONSULAR CONFERENCES IN AFRICA IN SEPTEMBER 1976 AS FOLLOWS:
- (A) SEPTEMBER 21 TO 24 IN ABIDJAN FOR ALL AF/C AND AF/W POSTS EXCEPT KIGALI AND BUJUMBURA.
- (B) SEPTEMBER 27-30 IN NAIROBI FOR ALL AF/E AND AF/S POSTS PLUS KIGALI AND BUJUMBURA.
- 2. CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY SCA ADMINISTRATOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL INCLUDE SCS, VO, PPT, AF AND INS REPS, AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PRIVACY, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND, POSSIBLY, SECURITY.

- 3. AGENDA ITEMS WILL INCLUDE:
- A. VISAS: VISA SECTION MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS, PERSONNEL PROBLEMS, ILLEGAL ALIENS, FRAUD, REFUGEES, STUDENT VISAS, THE AUTOMATED NIV PROJECT, TERRORISM, AND CURRENT LEGISLATION.
- B. SCS: ARREST CASES AND PRISONERS, REPATRIATION AND SUBSISTENCE, DEATHS, ESTATES, AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DURING CRISES AND EMERGENCIES.
- C. PASSPORTS AND CITIZENSHIP: REGISTRATIONS, NEW PASSPORT INNOVATIONS, EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, LOSS OF NATIONALITY AND PASSPORT AND IDENTITY FRAUD.
- 4. ALL POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 16 OF PARTICULAR CONSULAR PROBLEMS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS AT CONFERENCE. PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AND DETAILED ABOUT NATURE OF PROBLEMS AS POSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ASK EACH POST TO BE PREPARED TO MAKE PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE ON AT LEAST ONE ELEMENT OF LOCAL AF CONSULAR PROBLEMS, AND WOULD HOPE TO SELECT RESPECTIVE ASSIGNMENTS FROM AMONG THOSE IDENTIFIED BY POSTS THEMSELVES.
- 5. DEPARTMENT EXPECTS CONFERENCE TO BE ATTENDED BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH AF POST. NAME SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT SOONEST. FOR FULLEST EXCHANGE POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO STRESS THAT FOR POSTS WITH MORE THAN ONE OFFICER PERFORMING CONSULAR WORK, REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE THE PERSON MOST CONCERNED WITH CONSULAR DUTIES AND NOT NECESSARILY THE RANKING OFFICER OR PRINCIPAL OFFICER. POSTS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO SEND OFFICER WHO EXPECTS TO REMAIN AT POST FOR REASONABLE PERIOD FOLLOWING CONFERENCE. IF TRANSFERS RESULT IN NEWLY ASSIGNED OR ABOUT TO DEPART PERSONNEL ATTENDING CONFERENCE, THEY SHOULD BE BRIEFED, OR BRIEF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCCESSOR OR PREDECESSOR ON SIGNIFICANT LOCAL CONSULAR PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT ATTACHES HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THESE CONFERENCES, AND CONSIDERS IT MANDATORY THAT EACH POST PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE TWO.

6. POSTS SHOULD ISSUE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS CHARGING THEIR S&E ALLOTMENT AND INFORM AF/EX OF AMOUNT OBLIGATED. KISSINGER

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